MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI ; I don't think it will take more than a week or 10 days.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM ; Does the Government know that much inconvenience and hardship is caused by the delay in publishing the rules?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI ; There seems to be some misunderstanding in regard to this matter. The rules are not intended to bring any real immediate relief to the public and the absence of the rule does not, in the opinion of Government, cause such hardship.

PRESIDENT ; The Government have noticed that the Act is as good as not published at all. Government do not see there is any particular reason for expediting the publication of the rules. Nobody is taking advantage of Act. Though there is so much feeling manifestd on the floor of this House there is not much interest shown by the public.

Bridge across the Varkathillathil thodu.

154 * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the construction of the bridge across the Varkathillathil thodu on the Podiyadi-Neerattupuram road in Tiruvalla taluk is complete ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, the reason for the same ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS (*Deputy Chief Engineer*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Because a modification of the original design for the bridge was found necessary and the estimate had consequently to be revised

Experimental Potato Farm at Valamchankana.

155 * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there has been any proposal for opening an experimental Potato Farm at Valamchankana near Azhutha in Peermade during Mr. Raghava Aiyar's administration ;

(*b*) whether any investigation was conducted into the matter by the Agricultural Department and a favourable report submitted to Government by the then Agricultural Director ; and

(*c*) the action taken on the report ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to (*b*).

Appointments in the newly constituted lower division of the Public Service.

156 * MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of appointments in the newly constituted lower division of the Public Service for which there was no candidate from the Ezhava community for recruitment during 1116 ?

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